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1. THREE BILLS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE
WHICH WOULD AFFECT U.S. INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA.
THE BILL INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMAN BINGHAM ABOUT
WHICH REFTEL INQUIRED, WOULD PERMIT CONTINUED U.S.
INVESTMENT ONLY IN FIRMS WHICH DID NOT EMPLOY
"UNFAIR" LABOR PRACTICES, AS DEFINED BY THE 1964
CIVIL RIGHTS BILL. THE SOLARZ BILL WOULD PERMIT NO
NEW U.S. INVESTMENT, EXCEPT REINVESTMENT OF EARNINGS
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OF EXISTING ENTERPRISES, AND REQUIRE FIRMS IN SOUTH
AFRICA NOT TO USE "UNFAIR" LABOR PRACTICES, ONCE AGAIN
AS DEFINED BY THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT. THE BILL WOULD
INCLUDE LOANS WITHIN ITS DEFINITION OF PROSCRIBED NEW
INVESTMENT. THE DIGGS BILL WOULD PERMIT NO NEW INVEST-
MENT, INCLUDING EARNINGS OF EXISTING FIRMS, BUT MAKES NO
MENTION OF LABOR PRACTICES. TEXTS BEING POUCHED.

2. ACCORDING TO COMMITTEE STAFFERS, THE AFRICAN SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HIRC IS EXPECTED TO VOTE SOME BILL OUT OF THE COMMITTEE THIS YEAR. THE BILL WILL PROBABLY

BE SOME AMENDED VERSION OF ONE OF THE THREE BILLS NOW PROPOSED. WHILE THE FULL COMMITTEE MAY HAVE TIME THIS SESSION TO ACT ON THE BILL, THE HOUSE MOST PROBABLY WILL NOT. COMPLETED ACTION BY THE HIRC, HOWEVER, WOULD LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR RENEWED EFFORTS IN THE NEXT CONGRESS.

3. THE DEPARTMENT IS PREPARING TESTIMONY ON THE SOLARZ BILL SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 10, WHICH WILL INCLUDE REFERENCE TO THE OTHER TWO BILLS. WHEN TESTIMONY IS COMPLETED, WE WILL POUCH COPY ALONG WITH COPIES OF THE THREE BILLS TO THE EMBASSY AND CONSULATES. VANCE

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